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DRAFT MINUTES

Town of Vernon Recovery and Reopening Advisory Committee

Thursday, July 2, 2020 at 11:00AM

Via Zoom Audio Teleconference

1. Roll Call

Members Present: Shaun Gately, Economic Development Coordinator and Recovery Officer; George McGregor, Town Planner; Andrew Marchese, Zoning Enforcement Officer; Steven Prattson, Building Official; Michael Purcaro, Town Administrator and Emergency Management Director; Lou Spadaccini, Town Attorney; Patrice Sulik, Director North Central District Health Department and Daniel Wasilewski, Fire Marshal.

Members Absent: Julie Clay, Town Council Member; Russell DeBella, General Manager of Reins New York Style Deli Restaurant; James Kenny, Chief of Police; Bruce Klotter, President of Swiss Cleaners and Pauline Schaefer, Town Council Member;

Additional: Cassandra Santoro, Recording Secretary

Roll call was performed at 11:03 AM by Cassandra Santoro.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. COVID-19 Incident Command Update

Michael Purcaro updated the committee regarding the Town of Vernon's expanded COVID testing to include antibody testing as well. There has been a very positive response to the two testing sites that the Town of Vernon is offering and currently looking to expand. Mr. Purcaro reminded the committee that testing sites are not just limited to Vernon residents and that these test sites are open to all neighboring towns as well.

Mr. Purcaro further explained that the Town of Vernon remains open with restrictions. The Governors new travel bans are posing some issues with pre-booked vacations and the Town of Vernon will be going by a case by case basis.

4. Current Guidance and Orders

Shaun Gately explained that the Executive Orders provided by the State are ever-changing guidance. The Town continues to read through all executive orders and interpret the guidelines that best fit the Town of Vernon. Mr. Gately summarized the new Executive orders that were distributed since the last meeting: 7BBB, 7CCC, 7DDD and 7EEE.

Daniel Wasilewski updated the committee the 2 permits, one for Kidzone and one for Vernon Pizza Outdoor dining, have been received, inspected and approved.

Shaun Gately explained that we are currently in Phase 2. Phase 3 of reopening is targeted for Mid July.

5. Local Recovery and Reopening Strategy

Daniel Wasilewski explained that the Fire Marshal's office has been working with local businesses for reopening and outdoor dining. Next step is to start working with the Board of Education for reopening schools in the fall. The reopening will be a collaborative effort for adapting to this new way of life.

Steve Prattson explained that the Building Department is working diligently and there have been no decline of permits and that permits and inspections are up by 17% since this time last year.

Patrice Sulik updated the committee that the Health Department has been working with superintendents with school guidance and has been holding a weekly conference call to help with communication in regards to reopening. Discussion ensued.

6. Next Steps

Michael Purcaro explained that this committee will continue to meet on a weekly basis to touch base and will reassess as we move forward.

7. Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2020.

Approval of the minutes for June 18, 2020 were moved by Daniel Wasilewski and seconded by George McGregor. No discussion. The motion passed with no opposition.

8. Next Meeting

Next ZOOM meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 9, 2020.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:27AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassandra Santoro,
Recording Secretary